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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Report on S. 414, A Bill to Establish a
Freedom Academy and Freedom Commission

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Acting Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.
2. On a routine request, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has asked for an Agency report on the current Freedom Commission bill, S. 414. In the past two Congresses, legislation to establish a Freedom Academy and Freedom Commission has been introduced in both houses and actively considered in the Senate. In the 86th Congress, with strong pressure from Senator Thomas J. Dodd and others, a Freedom Academy bill was reported and passed the Senate in the waning weeks of the Congress. Similar legislation was introduced in the 87th Congress, but a jurisdictional dispute developed between the Judiciary Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee and the bill was not reported. However, the State Department's comment to the Committee on that bill was the subject of much discussion and some animosity from certain senators. A recommended Agency position was developed but submission of a formal report was avoided.
3. This Office and CA Staff are of the opinion that while we are not in favor of a Freedom Academy, the Agency should not become directly involved. We have asked the CA Staff to review S. 414 and they have recommended that we maintain the position developed last year (Tab 1). This position has again been approved by the A/DD/P (Tab 2).

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4. In addition to the Freedom Commission bill, several proposals have been introduced in the Senate and in the House to establish a "Foreign Service Academy." The most recent of these is an Administration bill drafted by the State Department and introduced by Senator Stuart Symington. The Department obviously prefers the Symington bill, however, I do not feel that this should change our proposed response on the Freedom Academy bill.

5. It is recommended that you approve the submission of the attached proposed Agency report to the Bureau of the Budget for clearance.

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Attachments:

Tabs 1 & 2

Proposed reply

The recommendation in paragraph 5 is approved:

Acting Director

Date

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